

RATE INCREASE WILL BE ROADS' CHRISTMAS GIFT

I. C. C. Decides They Can
Add 5 Per Cent to
Freight Tariffs.

WILSON KNOWS OF PLAN

Executive Said to Be Happy
Over Solution They
Have Reached.

LANE ALSO FAVORABLE TO IT

The Herald Learns Judgment Will Give
Eastern Railroads Income Which
Will Aid Business Generally.

By JOSEPH P. ANNET.
The Washington Herald presents here-
with information of a most welcome
Christmas present in store for American
business.

Within ten days, probably on Saturday
afternoon or evening, the Interstate
Commerce Commission will grant the Eastern
railroads permission to increase their
rates immediately.

This announcement of victory for the
railroads will be withheld with a view
to selecting a time when the announce-
ment will not immediately precede a ses-
sion of the stock exchange.

Decision Has Been Reached.

From what is considered an absolutely
reliable source, The Herald learned yester-
day that the final decision has been
made and recorded by the Interstate
Commerce Commission, the last obstructing
opposition having been removed with
in the past forty-eight hours.

This information has been communi-
cated to the President, it is understood,
and the decision is said to meet with his
hearty approval.

The President has made no secret of
his belief that the application of the
Eastern roads for permission to increase
their rates should be granted in the in-
terests of justice to the roads and prop-
erty for the country.

Will Help Business.

That the decision will have a favor-
able effect upon business conditions gen-
erally and will go a great way toward
relieving business uncertainty and un-
locking hoarded wealth, is the expecta-
tion of President Wilson and his ad-
visers.

While the President has made no at-
tempt to influence the judgment of the
commission, the information which has
come to him from leading business men
throughout the country has convinced
him of the justice of the railroad con-
tention. Thousands of business men
have declared a reasonable increase in
rates for the Eastern railroads would
result in an immediate return to pros-
perity.

Lane Favors Increase.

A strong factor in the forthcoming de-
cision has been the attitude of Secretary
of the Interior Franklin K. Lane. Sec-
retary Lane, while a member of the Inter-
state Commerce Commission two years
ago, wrote the decision which turned
down a similar plea for an increase and
ordered several lines to change their
methods of financing. Mr. Lane's atti-
tude as expressed in that decision was
then considered most radical, and as he
was considered the strongest member of
the commission, his influence in the cabi-
net was expected to be turned against
the proposed rate increase.

Secretary Lane, however, does not take
the same hostile attitude toward this pro-
posal as he did toward the one upon
which he passed two years ago, and re-
cently he has used his influence strongly
in favor of a general increase. In re-
cent talks with members of the commis-
sion Mr. Lane pointed out changes in
the railroad world in the last two years
which, together with altered economic
conditions, urged his support of the pro-
posed increase.

M'ADOO "HUNGRY-LOOKING."

Bankhead Impatient When Sec-
retary Goes to Lunch.

Senator Bankhead, of Alabama, in a
hurry to see Secretary of the Treasury
McAdoo Saturday, walked into the Sec-
retary's outer office and inquired of Private
Secretary Cooksey if Mr. McAdoo was in.

"Step right into the Secretary's pri-
vate office," said Mr. Cooksey. "I am
expecting him to return from lunch any
moment."

"I don't know about that," replied the
Senator. "When any man so hungry-
looking as Secretary McAdoo goes out
to eat, there is no telling when he will
return."

TRIPLE TRAGEDY OVER DOG.

Pennsylvania Man Shoots Wife,
Landlady and Kills Self.

Harrisburg, Pa. Dec. 13.—As the result
of a family quarrel over a poodle dog,
George E. Throner shot and mortally
wounded his wife, Gertrude, and Mrs.
Robert Portney, his landlady, and turned
the revolver against his heart and killed him-
self.

The women are dying. Three bullets
passed through Mrs. Throner's right lung.
Mrs. Throner who had not lived with her
husband for a month went to his boarding
house and demanded the dog. This led to
the tragedy.

CARRANZA WIRES BRYAN REGARDING NACO SHOTS

Dispatch Not Yet Deciphered, Says Sec-
retary of State—Arendo Succeeds
Zubaran as Head of Junta.

Secretary Bryan announced last night
that the reply of Carranza to the demand
of the United States that he use his
authority to stop firing across the line at
Naco, Ariz., had just been received.
Whether it contains the statement report-
ed from Vera Cruz, that he will regard
firing across the line by United States
forces as an unfriendly act is not yet
known here, as Secretary Bryan said
the dispatch had not been deciphered
and would not be given out last night.
Unofficial advice from Naco indicate
that Hill and Maytorena, the opposing
commanders at Naco, are blaming each
other for the firing across the line which
has resulted in fifty-one casualties among
residents and soldiers in Naco.

Rafael Zubaran Capmany, who for
many months has been the head of the
Carranza agency in Washington, has been
recalled to Vera Cruz to take the post of
secretary of the interior in the Carranza
government. He will be succeeded as
Washington agent by Eliseo Arendondo.
Mr. Arendondo declared that Zubaran's
transfer was a promotion and denied
that his predecessor was being summoned
home under any charges whatsoever, or
that he would be asked to explain an
alleged expenditure of \$75,000 said to have
been given to United States Senators.

LEAGUE RAPS CRITICS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

Navy Men Retort to Charge that the
Movement Is Inspired
by Business.

The executive committee of the board
of directors of the Navy League has
issued a statement in reply to charges
that the national defense movement is be-
ing supported and fostered by war mun-
ition manufacturers. The statement is
signed by Robert Thompson, Beekman
Winthrop, Charles A. Fowler, Walter R.
Addicks, and Frank J. Symmes.
Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler is quoted
in the statement as having charged that
national defense agitation "might be
traced to a single inspiring source;
these behind this movement had a busi-
ness interest in its success." The Navy
League points out that Dr. Butler failed
to produce evidence to support his "con-
vert innuendoes insinuating evil motives."
"Dr. Charles E. Jefferson, author of
similar charges is described by the
league as the "well-endowed and unctious
peace laborer subsidized by the multi-
armor-plated millionaires, who go to
about looking for a bad smell."

YEGGS STEAL \$107.25 AFTER FORCING SAFE

Foss-Hughes Company's Office Entered
Yesterday Morning—Sylvester
Would Stop Robberies.

Yeggmen sometime early yesterday
morning forced open the door of the safe
of Foss-Hughes Company, automobile
dealers, 1230 Connecticut avenue north-
west, and stole \$107.25. The lock of the
safe was broken off by use of a heavy
wrench and jimmy.

Maj. Sylvester, stirred by the many
hold-ups and robberies during the last
few weeks, is personally directing his
detectives, and two men have been as-
signed to work on the latest robbery of
the Foss-Hughes Company.

Thomas F. Ryan Better.

New York, Dec. 13.—Thomas F. Ryan,
the financier of 33 Fifth avenue,
whose saddle horse fell on him in Cen-
tral Park last Friday, was reported to-
night to be doing well.

EIGHT SECTIONS MADE UP THE NATIONAL CAPITAL'S BEST SUNDAY PAPER YESTERDAY

The Washington Herald

COUNT THEM.

1. Metropolitan Section—Extra calendar paper—Sepia ink.
2. Magazine Section—Four colors—Twelve pages—Full newspaper size.
3. Pictorial Review Section—The war in photographs—Special paper—Special ink.
4. Theatrical Section—All the news of the theaters.
5. Comic Section—Funniest cartoon creations—Four colors.
6. THE HERALD'S famous original "Pink" Sporting Section—Complete—Authoritative.
7. Society and Fraternal Section.
8. The best Main News Section of Washington's best Sunday newspaper—a two-section News Section.

DON'T MISS THE BIG CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF

The Washington Herald

NEXT SUNDAY

DEMOCRATS HOPE TO PLUCK THORN BY RECORD VOTE

Expect Cessation of Blanket
Opposition by Suffragists
in Next Campaign.

LOOK FOR EARLY VOTE

Requisite Two-thirds for Con-
stitutional Amendment
Not Probable.

WOMEN'S LEADERS ARE GLAD

Feel They Did Not Gain Prestige in
November Fight and Wel-
come Test.

That the action of the House Rules
Committee Saturday in favorably report-
ing a rule requiring a record vote on the
resolution proposing a constitutional
amendment enfranchising women, will
remove, in large part, a thorn from the
side of the Democratic party, is the hope
of leaders in Congress.

It is hoped that by permitting the
question to come to a vote in the House
the party will be relieved from the
blanket opposition which it met in the
fall campaign when all Democratic candi-
dates were opposed by the women re-
gardless of "candidates' individual views
on suffrage.

The record vote which probably will
be taken before Christmas, will permit
each Democratic member who favors the
proposed amendment to record himself,
thus offering a strong weapon of de-
fense in the next campaign.

Moreover, as the party leaders will
have given their followers an opportunity
to express their views, and, supposedly,
the views of their respective constitu-
encies, the blanket opposition will be fur-
ther stultified if attempted in the next
campaign.

Regulate Vote Not Likely.

Of course the leaders do not expect the
resolution to receive the requisite two-
thirds vote in the House. Except for
member from States which have granted
woman suffrage, few Democrats are ex-
pected to vote for it. But other Demo-
crats will be able to take the strong po-
sition that the constitutional amendment
would be an invasion of States' rights
and a clear violation of a fundamental
principle of the Democratic party.

Suffrage leaders are happy to have the
test made at this time as they feel the
cause pursued last fall in attacking all
Democrats because they were Demo-
crats did not gain them prestige, and, on
the other hand, was responsible for a
serious split in the suffrage ranks. More-
over, the record vote on the Bristow-
Mondell resolution will show them just
what members they have to deal with in
opposition, and just what States present
the strongest and the weakest fronts
against the suffrage movement.

Woman Shoots and Kills Wolf.

Nashua, Minn., Dec. 13.—While Mrs.
McLeod and Mrs. Little were out hunt-
ing for partridges Mrs. McLeod spied
a wolf. Having a rifle she took aim and
brought down the animal. The bounty
on wolves is \$10, and as the wolf, which
is a good one, is worth from \$3 to \$4, Mrs.
McLeod was well paid for her marksmanship.

MUTE UNTIL 14, SPEAKS.

Child Can Pronounce Own Name
After Surgical Operation.

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—In the Mis-
sion San Francisco Orphanage in San Jose
there is a little girl fourteen years old
who spoke her name, Rose Traina, for
the first time in her life recently. She
was able to articulate as a result of
what is termed by medical men as the
most remarkable operation performed in
California for many years.

Dr. F. C. Gerlach, assisted by Dr. L.
V. Saph, of San Jose, became interested
in little Rose, who had never been able
to utter a sound. The operation was
performed a month ago and is said to be
without precedent in surgical science.
A bone pressure on the left side of the
head was discovered and remedied.
Two days later the child cried, a week
later she learned her first word, and
then she spoke her name.

The surgeons say the child will gain
perfect control of her speech. Her voca-
bulary consists of about twenty words
and she is being taught as a babe.
Dr. Gerlach believes he has performed
a unique operation, because he can find
no record of a restoration of speech
in any case that was a parallel to that
of Rose Traina.

GOES 5,000 MILES TO WED.

Sitka, Alaska, Dec. 13.—Miss Alice M.
Crombie, twenty-nine, of Continental
ville, near Cold Spring, N. Y., after
traveling 5,000 miles was married in
Sitka today to William C. Brundage,
thirty-one, formerly of Garnerville, now
a mining engineer in Alaska.
The bride-elect was accompanied as
far as Buffalo by her mother, but made
the rest of the long journey alone.
Brundage first met his bride, then a
stenographer, in Cold Spring, four years
ago.

SNAP JUDGMENT NOT FAIR TO THE DISTRICT

Many of Its Friends Will Be
Absent Attending Payne
Funeral.

VITAL QUESTION TODAY

Filibuster Would Cause Post-
ponement of Decisive
Action.

TRUST CONGRESS AS A WHOLE

Henry B. F. Macfarland Declares Pub-
lished Facts Only Argument Nec-
essary to Defeat Amendment.

Unless a vote is postponed by agree-
ment, or an all-day filibuster develops in
the House today, the vital question
bound up in proposed amendments to
the District bill may be brought to a
vote with many of the District's staunch-
est supporters absent at the funeral of
Representative Berne Payne in Auburn,
N. Y.

The program in the House for today
involves a vote in committee of the whole
on two vicious amendments offered by
Representative Johnson, and an amend-
ment to be offered by Representative
Page appropriating for a thorough-going
survey into the public school system here.
Following that, the committee will arise
and report to the House, when a record
vote will be taken on the Johnson rider
abolishing the half-and-half plan, which
was tacked on Saturday, and either or
both of the two riders to be proposed to-
day—taxing intangible personal prop-
erty and the other raising the basis for
taxation from a two-thirds to full value
assessments.

The part of the bill now unread by the
committee can be gone through in rapid
order unless obstructive tactics de-
signed to delay a record vote on vital
amendments, are adopted by the District
friends in the committee. Such a filib-
buster easily could be organized and car-
ried out, through insistence on the con-
stant attendance of a quorum, and a
large number of amendments to be of-
fered and debated under the five-minute
rule.

Aside from the absence of a number of
good friends of the District in the New
York delegation, which will attend the
Payne funeral in a body, the official
representation from the House, designat-
ed by Speaker Clark, will include such
members as Representatives Mann, Cooper,
Talbot, Mondell and Moore, all of
whom have been particularly active in
behalf of the District, and Representatives,
Gillette, Barthold, Butler, Greene,
of Massachusetts; Fordney and Gardner,
who have always allied themselves in
favor of the existing financial arrange-
ment between the District and Congress.

Can Trust Congress.

Henry B. F. Macfarland, in comment-
ing upon the probable action, says:
"We can safely trust the wisdom and
justice of Congress as a whole. All we
ask is that every member of both Houses
examine the facts as published by Con-
gress. They are the all-sufficient argu-
ment for the present arrangement."

"We believe it will not be changed at
this session. If it ever is changed it
ought to be only after thorough and im-
partial inquiry, and to substitute some
better provision for the nation's city,
according to the nation's desire for its
development, physically and morally."

NECKTIE AND AUTO SAVE BOY.

Former Used for Tourniquet, Latter
Rushes Him to Hospital.

Redlands, Cal. Dec. 13.—A polka dot
necktie and a fast automobile saved the
life of George Raze, an eighteen-year-
old Yucapita boy, when he was bitten by
a rattlesnake. Raze killed the snake
when the fangs were still fastened in the
flesh of his index finger. His father
snatched the polka dot tie from his neck
hastily made a tourniquet, and bound it
around the right wrist.

The boy was bundled into an auto-
mobile and rushed to the city. By that
time the hand had swollen to twice its
normal size. Doctors say that he will
recover. Young Raze had taken hold
of a bale of hay to lift it, and the snake,
which was concealed there, bit him.

GETS TWO LICENSES TO WED.

Fearful Business Might Interfere
with Original Plans.

Woodland, Cal. Dec. 13.—To make cer-
tain that there would be no possible hitch
in the arrangements, Charles F. Johnston,
local garage man, obtained a marriage
license in Woodland recently to wed
Joan R. Erringer, a Williams girl, al-
though the couple had originally planned
to be married in San Francisco. Later
Johnston contributed his second mar-
riage certificate fee to the county clerk of
San Francisco, and the wedding was
solemnized according to schedule.

It is supposed that the two feared
business affairs might possibly prevent
the ceremony being performed in San
Francisco, and so obtained a license from
the Yolo County clerk in case of an
emergency.

ALLIES REPEL TWO ATTACKS; GERMANS HAMMER NIGHT AND DAY AT CZAR'S POLISH FRONT

RUSSIAN LINES ALONG VISTULA HOLDING FIRM

500,000 Germans Are Hurling
Into Continuous Assaults
Around Lowicz.

CITY ITSELF ABANDONED

Population Flees and the Few
Left Behind Are Near
Starvation.

TEUTONS HAVE TRIPLE POSITION

Heavy Defenses Constructed Around
Czenstochowa—Przemysl Cut Off.
Bombardment Is Incessant.

By FREDERICK BENNET.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—Very heavy fight-
ing has been reported from the battle
front in Poland today. The Germans are
throwing their utmost endeavor into their
aggressive efforts in the operations in
the region of Lowicz, where, on a front
twenty-five miles long, extending from
Glovo, northward to Ilowo on the Vistula,
they keep half a million men in the
heat of battle day and night.

They have thrown practically every man
available onto the fighting line. Aerial
reconnaissance show that only slight
bodies of reserves are being held
in their rear.

It is believed that this effort is not in-
tended as a serious renewal of the at-
tempt on Warsaw, but its furious suc-
cession of charges up to point-blank range
is explained here as intended to delay
the Russian central army from advancing
westward.

The unremitting buffetings which
Gen. von Mackensen's columns con-
tinually accept from the Russian cen-
tral army can also be traced to Gen.
von Hindenburg's imperative desire for
a big success in a pitched battle be-
fore the great army of new conscripts
joins the Russian field force.

Lowicz Is Abandoned.

According to a telegram from War-
saw, Lowicz is almost entirely aban-
doned by the population. The few
who remain in town are on the verge
of starvation. There is almost a com-
plete lack of fuel.

Refugees from Czenstochowa say the
Germans there have constructed a triple
position. The first line is four miles
distant from town, the third, with heavy
artillery is in Czenstochowa itself. The
woods in the neighborhood have all been
felled to provide a clear field of fire.

The iron ring around Przemysl is con-
stantly being drawn tighter. Starvation
and sickness are weakening every one
of the soldiers, who are without
winter clothing, are suffering severely
from the intense cold. Russian heavy
artillery continues the bombardment in-
cessantly. The forts are kept under con-
stant observation by means of search-
lights.

During the first siege the Austrians
frequently made sorties, now such suc-
cesses are rare. All hopes of the relief
of the fortress have vanished.

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DRESDEN FINDS REFUGE IN ARGENTINE HARBOR

Victorious British Fleet Consisted of
Two Superdreadnoughts and Six
Cruisers, Says Commander.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Buenos Aires, Dec. 13.—It is announced
officially by the German consul at Punta
Arenas that the Dresden arrived there
today. The commander of the German
cruiser declared that the German squad-
ron, of which four ships were sunk in
the battle off Falkland Islands, was en-
gaged by two British super-dreadnoughts
and six cruisers.

The consul states that the Dresden was
undamaged. Her commander declared
that he left the rest of the fleet still
fighting in obedience to a signal made to
him by the flagship to run for it, but
later intercepted a wireless from the
British fleet which stated that the Gnef-
senau, Scharnhorst and Leipzig had been
sent to the bottom.

Nothing has been learned definitely
of the identity of the British vessels, nor
is there any confirmation of the re-
ported presence of the Japanese squadron
either on the Atlantic or on the Pacific.

PHYSICIANS WANT KAISER TO GO UNDER THE KNIFE

Throat Seriously Affected and Opera-
tion Is Advised—Condition
Grave, London Hears.

London, Dec. 13.—An Express dispatch
from Copenhagen says pessimistic reports
regarding the health of the Kaiser have
been brought by travelers from Berlin.
It is stated that his illness is serious and
his condition is causing grave alarm
throughout Germany.

Elaborate precautions have been taken
to prevent information regarding the na-
ture of his illness from leaking out. The
censor, according to these informants,
will sanction only news of his improve-
ment.

Basle, Dec. 13.—According to private in-
formation from Berlin the Kaiser's chest
trouble has so seriously affected his
throat that an operation will be neces-
sary. Army authorities have been in-
formed that the emperor will not be able
to return to the front before Christmas
and that the doctors advise a quiet life
for at least a month.

It is said the emperor's illness is not
dangerous, but he is very refractory and
far more concerned about the progress of
the war than his own condition. He
continues to send orders and suggestions
to the eastern army headquarters.

The crown prince recently arrived in
Berlin secretly and visited his father.

GERMANS PREPARE FOR INVASION OF ENGLAND

Zeppelins Practice Bomb Dropping
with Warships as Targets—Do
Not Fear British Fleet.

Rotterdam, Dec. 13.—A correspondent
who has just arrived from Berlin says
that he is convinced that every one in
Germany is convinced that an invasion
of England is to be attempted. In his
opinion the cruisers which recently ap-
peared off Yarmouth were merely ascer-
taining whether such a feat was feasible.

To the suggestion that a fleet of trans-
ports would be at the mercy of the British
battleships and cruisers, he replied that
the German view on the question of
whether it would be possible to devise
a scheme which would keep such ves-
sels out of the way was that an escort
of submarines would be wholly com-
petent if aided by Zeppelins, which lately
have been engaged in practice against
warships as a target.

"That Germany will win," he says, "no
one in Germany doubts. The Germans
remark that things will soon be easier
on the western frontier. The Germans
have absolutely no fear of the Russian
army."

MULE GETS A BATH; KICKS.

Owner Gets Tap on Chin from
Jenny's Hoofs for Trouble.

New Orleans, Dec. 13.—Whether the
mule of Philip Accardo, a peddler, No.
238 Chippewa street, objects to a Sun-
day bath or did not care to be disturbed
is a question that is puzzling the owner
of the animal, who is nursing a wounded
chin as a result of getting it into too
close contact with the animal's heels.

Accardo was washing the mule in its
stable in the rear of his residence and
was giving the faithful touches of the
bath to one of the mule's hind legs when
the animal apparently became peeved
and kicked its owner on the chin. The
mule's bath was not completed.

Snake Drives Town Dry.

Gary, Ill., Dec. 13.—Toppers who looked
at a two-headed rattlesnake owned by V.
B. Austin hastily boarded the "water
wagon." V. B. Austin, of Kalamazoo,
Mich., who is visiting his brother, Merrill
Austin, of the Gary postoffice, brought
the two-headed reptile to town and the
temperance cause has been gaining ever
since.

ALLIES KEEP UP THEIR ADVANCE AROUND YPRES

Both Armies, Massed in Great
Strength, Fight from
Trench to Trench.

PROGRESS IS VERY SLOW

Character of Fighting Pre-
cludes Any Sudden, De-
cisive Action.

RIVAL TROOPS HURL INSULTS

German Artillery Stronger on Flanders
Lines Than at Any Other
Section of Front.

By WILLIAM RIDSDALE.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.
Dunkirk, Dec. 13.—Fighting of an ex-
ceedingly desperate character which
may prove the early stages of one of
the greatest battles of the war has been
taking place during the latter portion of
the week along the line east of Ypres
and Armentieres.

The allies and the enemy face each
other in immense forces in this district,
for both sides seem to realize the
strategic importance of the ground which
lies between the Yser and the Lys.